

Years of aviation service	Monthly rate
Over 4	\$225
Over 8	\$350
Over 14	\$400.

(e) **ELIGIBILITY OF RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS WHEN PERFORMING INACTIVE DUTY TRAINING.**—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, when a member of a reserve component or the National Guard, who is entitled to compensation under section 206 of this title, meets the definition of eligible career enlisted flyer, the Secretary concerned may increase the member's compensation by an amount equal to $\frac{1}{30}$ of the monthly incentive pay authorized by the Secretary concerned under subsection (d) for a member of corresponding years of aviation service who is entitled to basic pay under section 204 of this title. The reserve component member may receive the increase for as long as the member is qualified for it, for each regular period of instruction or period of appropriate duty, at which the member is engaged for at least two hours, or for the performance of such other equivalent training, instruction, duty or appropriate duties, as the Secretary may prescribe under section 206(a) of this title.

(f) **RELATION TO HAZARDOUS DUTY INCENTIVE PAY OR DIVING DUTY SPECIAL PAY.**—A member receiving incentive pay under section 301(a) of this title or special pay under section 304 of this title may not be paid special pay under this section for the same period of service.

(g) **SAVE PAY PROVISION.**—If, immediately before a member receives incentive pay under this section, the member was entitled to incentive pay under section 301(a) of this title, the rate at which the member is paid incentive pay under this section shall be equal to the higher of the monthly amount applicable under subsection (d) or the rate of incentive pay the member was receiving under subsection (b) or (c)(2)(A) of section 301 of this title.

(h) **SPECIALTY CODE OF DROPSONDE SYSTEM OPERATORS.**—Within the Air Force, the Secretary of the Air Force shall assign to members who are dropsonde system operators a specialty code that identifies such members as serving in a weather specialty.

(i) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

(1) The term “aviation service” means participation in aerial flight performed, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, by an eligible career enlisted flyer.

(2) The term “operational flying duty” means flying performed under competent orders while serving in assignments, including an assignment as a dropsonde system operator, in which basic flying skills normally are maintained in the performance of assigned duties as determined by the Secretary concerned, and flying duty performed by members in training that leads to the award of an enlisted aviation rating or military occupational specialty designated as a career enlisted flyer rating or specialty by the Secretary concerned.

(Added Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title VI, § 628(a)(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 657.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title VI, § 628(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 659, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1999.”

§ 321. Special pay: judge advocate continuation pay

(a) **ELIGIBLE JUDGE ADVOCATE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “eligible judge advocate” means an officer of the armed forces on full-time active duty who—

- (1) is qualified and serving as a judge advocate, as defined in section 801 of title 10; and
- (2) has completed—

(A) the active duty service obligation incurred through the officer's original commissioning program; or

(B) in the case of an officer detailed under section 2004 of title 10 or section 470 of title 14, the active duty service obligation incurred as part of that detail.

(b) **SPECIAL PAY AUTHORIZED.**—An eligible judge advocate who executes a written agreement to remain on active duty for a period of obligated service specified in the agreement may, upon the acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid continuation pay under this section. The total amount paid to an officer under one or more agreements under this section may not exceed \$60,000.

(c) **PRORATION.**—The term of an agreement under subsection (b) and the amount payable under the agreement may be prorated.

(d) **PAYMENT METHODS.**—Upon acceptance of an agreement under subsection (b) by the Secretary concerned, the total amount payable pursuant to the agreement becomes fixed. The Secretary shall prepare an implementation plan specifying the amount of each installment payment under the agreement and the times for payment of the installments.

(e) **ADDITIONAL PAY.**—Any amount paid to an officer under this section is in addition to any other pay and allowances to which the officer is entitled.

(f) **REPAYMENT.**—An officer who has entered into a written agreement under subsection (b) and has received all or part of the amount payable under the agreement but who does not complete the total period of active duty specified in the agreement, shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(g) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary concerned shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(Added Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title VI, § 629(a)(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 659; amended Pub. L. 109–163, div. A, title VI, § 687(b)(29), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3332.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 109–163 amended heading and text of subsec. (f) generally, substituting provisions referring to repayment provisions of section 303a(e) for specific provisions relating to repayment required when officer fails to complete total period of agreed upon active duty.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title VI, § 629(c), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 661, provided that: “The amendments made by

subsection (a) [enacting this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1999.”

SAVINGS PROVISION

For savings provision relating to payment or repayment of any bonus, incentive pay, special pay, or similar pay obligated to be paid before Apr. 1, 2006, under a provision of this section amended by section 687(b) of Pub. L. 109-163, see section 687(f) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 510 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

§ 322. Special pay: 15-year career status bonus for members entering service on or after August 1, 1986

(a) AVAILABILITY OF BONUS.—The Secretary concerned shall pay a bonus under this section to an eligible career bonus member if the member—

(1) elects to receive the bonus under this section; and

(2) executes a written agreement (prescribed by the Secretary concerned) to remain continuously on active duty until the member has completed 20 years of active-duty service creditable under section 1405 of title 10.

(b) ELIGIBLE CAREER BONUS MEMBER DEFINED.—In this section, the term “eligible career bonus member” means a member of a uniformed service serving on active duty who—

(1) first became a member on or after August 1, 1986; and

(2) has completed 15 years of active duty in the uniformed services (or has received notification under subsection (e) that the member is about to complete that duty).

(c) ELECTION METHOD.—An election under subsection (a)(1) shall be made in such form and within such period as the Secretary concerned may prescribe. An election under that subsection is irrevocable.

(d) AMOUNT OF BONUS; PAYMENT.—(1) A bonus under this section shall be equal to \$30,000.

(2) A member electing to receive the bonus under this section shall elect one of the following payment options:

- (A) A single lump sum of \$30,000.
- (B) Two installments of \$15,000 each.
- (C) Three installments of \$10,000 each.
- (D) Four installments of \$7,500 each.
- (E) Five installments of \$6,000 each.

(3) If a member elects installment payments under paragraph (2), the second installment (and subsequent installments, as applicable) shall be paid on the earlier of the following dates:

(A) The annual anniversary date of the payment of the first installment.

(B) January 15 of each succeeding calendar year.

(4) The lump sum payment of the bonus, and the first installment payment in the case of members who elect to receive the bonus in installments, shall be paid to an eligible career bonus member not later than the first month that begins on or after the date that is 60 days after the date on which the Secretary concerned receives from the member the election required under subsection (a)(1) and the written agreement required under subsection (a)(2), if applicable.

(e) NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—(1) The Secretary concerned shall transmit to each member who meets the definition of eligible career bonus member a written notification of the opportunity of the member to elect to receive a bonus under this section. The Secretary shall provide the notification not later than 180 days before the date on which the member will complete 15 years of active duty.

(2) The notification shall include the following:

(A) The procedures for electing to receive the bonus.

(B) An explanation of the effects under sections 1401a, 1409, and 1410 of title 10 that such an election has on the computation of any retired or retainer pay that the member may become eligible to receive.

(f) REPAYMENT.—If a person paid a bonus under this section does not complete a period of active duty beginning on the date on which the election of the person under paragraph (1) of subsection (a) is received and ending on the date on which the person completes 20 years of active duty service as described in paragraph (2) of such subsection, the person shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, §642(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 662; amended Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, §620(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1138; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §687(b)(30), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3332.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 109-163, amended heading and text of subsec. (f) generally, substituting provisions referring to repayment provisions of section 303a(e) for specific provisions relating to repayment required when person elects to receive bonus to remain continuously on active duty until completion of 20 years but fails to complete total period.

2001—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 107-107, §620(a)(1), substituted “equal to \$30,000” for “paid in a single lump sum of \$30,000”.

Subsec. (d)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 107-107, §620(a)(2), (3), added pars. (2) and (3), redesignated former par. (2) as (4), and substituted therein “The lump sum payment of the bonus, and the first installment payment in the case of members who elect to receive the bonus in installments,” for “The bonus”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1999, see section 644 of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as an Effective Date of 1999 Amendment note under section 1401a of Title 10, Armed Forces.

SAVINGS PROVISION

For savings provision relating to payment or repayment of any bonus, incentive pay, special pay, or similar pay obligated to be paid before Apr. 1, 2006, under a provision of this section amended by section 687(b) of Pub. L. 109-163, see section 687(f) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 510 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

APPLICATION TO EXISTING AGREEMENTS

Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, §620(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1139, provided that: “The Secretary concerned (as defined in section 101(5) of title 37, United States Code) shall extend to each member of the uniformed